

By Mr. ESCH: Papers to accompany House bill No. 11828 to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Charles F. Kramer—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. GRIFFITH: Petition of Ellison D. McGuire, mayor, and other officers and business men of Madison, Ind., in support of House bill granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Florence Simpson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, resolutions of Dunn Post, No. 480, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana, favoring the passage of House bill No. 5779, giving veterans preferment in public service; also asking that order No. 225 of the Pension Bureau be revoked and that order 164 be restored—to the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service.

By Mr. HEPBURN: Petition of Austin Jay and others, of Appanoose County, Iowa, asking that a pension be granted to Jacob Cox—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LAMB: Papers to accompany House bill for the relief of the Baptist Church of Henrico County, Va.—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. MANN: Petition of J. S. Woodward and others, of Chicago, Ill., and the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Forty-first Street Presbyterian Church, of Chicago, Ill., in favor of the anti-polygamy amendment to the Constitution—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McALEER: Resolutions of the Grocers' and Importers' Exchange and Trades League of Philadelphia, Pa., in favor of legislation for the preservation of the present mint building, to be used as a free library for the city of Philadelphia—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, resolutions of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia, Pa., urging the passage of the Pacific cable bill—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, petition and letter of Edwin Fairfax Naulty, secretary of the Valley Forge National Park Association, for the creation of a military park at Valley Forge—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. McCALL: Papers to accompany House bill No. 13028, for the relief of Dr. William C. Flowers—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. McCLELLAN: Resolutions of the New York Academy of Medicine, asking for an appropriation of \$9,000 for additional shelving and room in the library of the Surgeon-General's Office at Washington—to the Committee on Appropriations.

Also, resolutions of the New York Academy of Medicine, for relief to charitable and religious institutions from the operation of the war-revenue law—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NAPHEN: Petition of the Fruit and Produce Exchange of Boston, Mass., favoring the establishment of a national forecast district for the New England States—to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. PAYNE: Petition of George H. Reeder & Co. and other business firms of Grand Rapids, Mich., for the repeal of the tax of 15 per cent ad valorem on imported hides—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana: Petition of Wayne Shoe Company and 9 other firms of Fort Wayne, Ind., praying for the removal of the duty on hides—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, petition of Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, in favor of the forestry reserve and national park in Minnesota—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. RUSSELL: Resolutions of Epworth League of Norwich, Conn., for international action of Christian governments excluding intoxicants from domains inhabited by native and uncivilized races—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. STEELE: Papers to accompany House bill for the relief of Elizabeth Furey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. STEVENS of Minnesota: Petition of Braham Mercantile Company and other firms of Braham, Minn., against the establishment of the parcels-post system—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. TERRY: Resolution of the Board of Trade of Little Rock, Ark., in favor of the adoption of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WEEKS: Paper to accompany House joint resolution in behalf of Reynold A. Crisner—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. JAMES R. WILLIAMS: Papers to accompany House bill for the restoration of pension to Sarah A. Tanquary—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany House bill granting a pension to Richard McGaddis—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, paper to accompany House bill granting an increase of pension to John Smith, of Akin, Ill.—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of Elizabeth Burnett to accompany House bill granting her a pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, December 21, 1900.

The Chaplain of the Senate, Rev. W. H. MILBURN, D. D., offered the following prayer:

O Eternal God, we come into Thy presence bowed under the heavy weight of grief and sorrow as we hear the news that the wife of the President of the Senate has been called suddenly from earth to the invisible world. Our hearts are stirred with unspeakable sympathy for Thy servant, the Presiding Officer of the Senate. Comfort and uphold him as he is stricken and left alone by this bereavement. Grant, O Lord, to minister to him that only consolation which can come at such an hour.

Let Thy Heavenly blessing be upon all the members of this body and their families. Protect and guide us; and when our last hour shall come may we pass quietly in the faith and hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into Thy presence and at Thy right hand. Through our blessed Mediator, Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

The Secretary read the following letter:

UNITED STATES SENATE, December 21, 1900.

I hereby appoint Hon. CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS, Senator from the State of Indiana, to preside over the Senate during my absence.

WM. P. FRYE, President pro tempore.

Mr. FAIRBANKS thereupon took the chair as Presiding Officer. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Secretary will read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings, when, on request of Mr. HOAR, and by unanimous consent, the further reading was dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Journal, without objection, will stand approved.

Mr. HOAR. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned, the adjournment under the concurrent resolution of the two Houses being until Thursday, January 3, 1901, at 12 o'clock meridian.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS.

December 20, 1900.

TREATY ON INTEROCEANIC CANAL.

The injunction of secrecy was removed from the convention between the United States and Great Britain to facilitate the construction of a ship canal to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and to remove any objection which might arise out of the convention commonly called the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and also from all votes on amendments and on the final ratification.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, December 21, 1900.

The House met at 12 o'clock m.

The following prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D.:

Almighty and most merciful God, in Whom all our longings, hopes, and aspirations are centered, fill us, we beseech Thee, with the spirit of Christmas, which is good will, that we may join our voices, from our hearts, with the angelic chorus which has been sounding down the ages from the first Christmas morn, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." So let that chorus sound on until all people of all climes shall hear and add their voices to it, that peace shall reign supreme in every heart.

Amid the joys and festivities of this season of the year a cloud has come over our Congressional family. One of its employees has met with a serious accident. We pray that he may be blessed with patience to bear his suffering.

The sad tidings comes to us of the death of one of the members of this House. We pray Thee to comfort the bereaved and the broken hearted. Again, the sad news has been borne to us that the President pro tempore of the Senate has been stricken by the loss of his companion. O Lord, strengthen him to bear his sorrow, and quicken us all with larger faith and hope and confidence in Thee, that when the hour comes that we shall be called upon to pass over the river of death we shall go forward without fear, looking to Thee, the Master, the Builder of all, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles; when the Speaker signed the same:

H. R. 12338. An act making appropriations to supply urgent

deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, and for other purposes; and

H. R. 11552. An act granting an increase of pension to Louis Hebel.

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 4184. An act granting an increase of pension to Evelyn Neale Murray;

S. 3436. An act granting a pension to Catharine Weinheimer; and
S. 92. An act granting a pension to William M. Ferry.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. CUNNINGHAM, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles; in which the concurrence of the House was requested:

S. 5015. An act granting a pension to Betsey L. Woodman;

S. 3851. An act granting a pension to Mrs. M. G. Kraysenbuhl;

S. 5016. An act granting an increase of pension to Francis H. Buffum;

S. 5045. An act granting a pension to Eliza N. Lord;

S. 5017. An act granting a pension to George H. Shapley;

S. 4836. An act granting an increase of pension to Phebe Babcock;

S. 4841. An act granting an increase of pension to George A. Parker;

S. 5090. An act granting a pension to Minerva McClernand;

S. 5091. An act granting a pension to Hannah L. Palmer;

S. R. 142. Joint resolution to enable the Secretary of the Senate to pay the necessary expenses of the inaugural ceremonies of the President and Vice-President of the United States March 4, 1901;

S. 1550. An act granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Kate Ezekiel;

S. 5032. An act granting a pension to John Geibel;

S. 136. An act granting a pension to Harriett Clarissa Mercur, widow of James Mercur, late professor of civil and military engineering in the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

S. 4418. An act granting an increase of pension to Andrew J. Woodman;

S. 4277. An act granting a pension to Albert Wetzel;

S. 5081. An act granting a pension to J. B. Whiting;

S. 4856. An act granting an increase of pension to William F. Cloud;

S. 1986. An act granting a pension to Fanny Healy;

S. 3680. An act granting a pension to Mary Elizabeth Moore;

S. 5192. An act granting an increase of pension to Richard O. Greenleaf;

S. 4876. An act granting an increase of pension to Mary A. Merritt;

S. 5108. An act granting an increase of pension to Frances M. Reilly;

S. 2611. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles Frye;

S. 5039. An act granting an increase of pension to Lucie M. Mabry;

S. 5093. An act granting an increase of pension to Charlotte W. Drew;

S. 1044. An act granting an increase of pension to Rachel M. Worley;

S. 4575. An act granting an increase of pension to Thomas Claiborne;

S. 3653. An act granting an increase of pension to Henry Smith;

S. 3648. An act granting an increase of pension to Peter Shelt;

S. 5005. An act granting an increase of pension to Frederick Vogel;

S. 5126. An act granting a pension to John T. Thompson;

S. 2319. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles C. Bunty;

S. 5139. An act granting an increase of pension to Jacob Hight;

S. 5140. An act granting a pension to Mary C. Coombs;

S. 4209. An act granting a pension to Mary Sanders;

S. 5128. An act granting an increase of pension to Benjamin R. Wiley;

S. 1828. An act granting a pension to Emma T. Martin;

S. 3264. An act granting a pension to William J. Cannon;

S. 3224. An act granting a pension to Amos L. Hood;

S. 2785. An act granting a pension to William H. Gardner;

S. 5144. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles Scott;

S. 5235. An act granting a pension to Mary R. Pike;

S. 5033. An act granting a pension to Lizzie Barrett;

S. 5259. An act granting an increase of pension to William Gordon; and

S. 5231. An act relating to the accounts of the United States marshals and clerks of the district courts of the Territory of Utah.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, Senate bills of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and referred to their appropriate committees as indicated below:

S. 5015. An act granting a pension to Betsey L. Woodman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 3851. An act granting a pension to Mrs. M. G. Kraysenbuhl—to the Committee on Pensions.

S. 5016. An act granting an increase of pension to Francis H. Buffum—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5045. An act granting a pension to Eliza N. Lord—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5017. An act granting a pension to George H. Shapley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 4836. An act granting an increase of pension to Phebe Babcock—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 4418. An act granting an increase of pension to Andrew J. Woodman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 4277. An act granting a pension to Albert Wetzel—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5081. An act granting a pension to J. B. Whiting—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 4856. An act granting an increase of pension to William F. Cloud—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 1986. An act granting a pension to Fanny Healy—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 3680. An act granting a pension to Mary Elizabeth Moore—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5192. An act granting an increase of pension to Richard O. Greenleaf—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 4876. An act granting an increase of pension to Mary A. Merritt—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5108. An act granting an increase of pension to Frances M. Reilly—to the Committee on Pensions.

S. 2621. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles Frye—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5259. An act granting an increase of pension to William Gordon—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 4841. An act granting an increase of pension to George A. Parker—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5090. An act granting a pension to Minerva McClernand—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5091. An act granting a pension to Hannah L. Palmer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. Res. 142. Joint resolution to enable the Secretary of the Senate to pay the necessary expenses of the inaugural ceremonies of the President and Vice-President of the United States March 4, 1901—to the Committee on Appropriations.

S. 1550. An act granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Kate Ezekiel—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5032. An act granting a pension to John Geibel—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 136. An act granting a pension to Harriett Clarissa Mercur, widow of James Mercur, late professor of civil and military engineering in the United States Military Academy at Westpoint, N. Y.—to the Committee on Pensions.

S. 5258. An act to allow the commutation of homestead entries in certain cases—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

S. 5039. An act granting an increase of pension to Lucie M. Mabry—to the Committee on Pensions.

S. 5093. An act granting an increase of pension to Charlotte W. Drew—to the Committee on Pensions.

S. 1044. An act granting an increase of pension to Rachel M. Worley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 4575. An act granting an increase of pension to Thomas Claiborne—to the Committee on Pensions.

S. 3653. An act granting an increase of pension to Henry Smith—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 3648. An act granting an increase of pension to Peter Shelt—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5005. An act granting an increase of pension to Frederick Vogel—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5126. An act granting a pension to John T. Thompson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 2319. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles C. Bunty—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5139. An act granting an increase of pension to Jacob Hight—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5140. An act granting a pension to Mary C. Coombs—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 4209. An act granting a pension to Mary Sanders—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

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S. 5144. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles Scott—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5235. An act granting a pension to Mary R. Pike—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. 5033. An act granting a pension to Lizzie Barrett—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

S. R. 135. Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to employ an additional assistant to the attorney—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

House bill with Senate amendments:

H. R. 9140. An act providing that entrymen under the homestead laws who have served in the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps during the Spanish war or the Philippine insurrection shall have certain service deducted from the time required to perfect title under homestead laws, and for other purposes—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

COURT-HOUSE AND JAIL AT SKAGWAY, ALASKA.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following request from the Committee on the Judiciary:

That the letter of the Attorney-General of December 19, 1900, to the Committee on Appropriations, concerning the acquisition of property under the act of June 6, 1900, for a court-house and jail at Skagway, Alaska, be printed as a House document and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The SPEAKER. This is a request for unanimous consent, and it is for the purpose of making it a House document. Without objection, the request will be granted.

There was no objection.

APPORTIONMENT BILL.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, information comes from the document room that there is a great demand for the report on the apportionment bill; and, in the absence of the chairman of that committee, I ask that a thousand additional copies be printed, to go through the document room; that includes, of course, the views of the minority.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New York asks unanimous consent that a thousand extra copies of House Report 2130, bearing upon the apportionment bill, to include the views of the minority, be printed.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, at the suggestion of several gentlemen around me, I ask that the number be made 1,500.

The SPEAKER. The request is modified to include 1,500. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

HOLDING COURTS OF EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS.

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill that I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

A bill (H. R. 12395) to provide for the holding of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the eastern district of Arkansas.

Be it enacted, etc., That the regular terms of the circuit and district courts for the eastern district of Arkansas shall be held at the times and places as follows, to wit:

For the western division, at Little Rock on the first Monday in April and the third Monday in October;

For the eastern division, at Helena on the second Mondays in March and October;

For the northern division, at Batesville on the fourth Monday in May and the second Monday in December.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill just reported? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none.

The amendment recommended by the committee was read, as follows:

Add the following as an additional section:

"SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

Mr. MERCER. Would the gentleman from Arkansas permit an inquiry?

Mr. TERRY. Certainly.

Mr. MERCER. How large a town is Batesville?

Mr. TERRY. It has about 3,000 inhabitants.

Mr. MERCER. Is that the only place in the district that court is held?

Mr. TERRY. Oh, no; court is held in several places—Batesville, Little Rock, and Helena.

Mr. MERCER. What provision has been made for court-house purposes at Batesville?

Mr. TERRY. I do not recollect of any United States building there, but they have been holding court there for years.

Mr. MERCER. It is a county seat, I suppose.

Mr. TERRY. It is the county seat of Independence. The bill makes no change except at Little Rock, and is recommended by the Federal judge.

The amendment recommended by the committee was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; and being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. TERRY, a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed was laid on the table.

RELIEF OF CERTAIN INDIANS IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

Mr. LACEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill which I send to the desk.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Iowa asks unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill which the Clerk will report.

The Clerk read as follows:

A bill (H. R. 8966) for the relief of certain Indians in the Indian Territory who desire to sell their lands and improvements and emigrate elsewhere.

Mr. LACEY. I ask the Clerk to read the bill as amended, because that is the bill I desire to call up.

The bill was read at length.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

Mr. SIMS. A parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. SIMS. What is the regular order to-day?

The SPEAKER. This is Friday.

Mr. SIMS. Then I demand the regular order.

The SPEAKER. That is equivalent to an objection.

Mr. LACEY. That means we can do nothing.

Mr. SIMS. Unless there can be an arrangement made to have an early day in January to take up the Private Calendar—

The SPEAKER. Objection is made.

Mr. SIMS. Unless we can have a day given, I shall demand the regular order.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. SIMS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the first Friday in January, after the adjournment, be substituted for to-day for bills on the Private Calendar.

Mr. PAYNE. I object to that, Mr. Speaker.

DEATH OF HON. RICHARD ALSOP WISE.

Mr. JONES of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I announce the death of my late colleague, the Hon. RICHARD ALSOP WISE, which occurred at his home, in the city of Williamsburg, at an early hour this morning. At some future time, of which I shall give notice, I desire to afford the House the opportunity of paying tributes to the life and public services of my deceased colleague. At this time I beg leave to offer the resolutions which I send to the Clerk's desk to be read and for which I ask immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Virginia presents for immediate consideration the resolutions which the Clerk will report.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with deep regret and profound sorrow of the death of Hon. RICHARD A. WISE, a Representative from the State of Virginia.

Resolved, That a committee of seventeen members of the House, with such members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral at Williamsburg, and that the necessary expenses attending the execution of this order be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for properly carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the resolutions.

The resolutions were agreed to; and in pursuance thereof the Speaker appointed the following members of the House:

Mr. WEEKS of Michigan, Mr. ALDRICH of Alabama, Mr. KAHN of California, Mr. ROBERTS of Massachusetts, Mr. MINOR of Wisconsin, Mr. BRICK of Indiana, Mr. JONES of Virginia, Mr. SWANSON of Virginia, Mr. OTEY of Virginia, Mr. RIXEY of Virginia, Mr. HAY of Virginia, Mr. LAMB of Virginia, Mr. QUARLES of Virginia, Mr. RHEA of Virginia, Mr. LASSITER of Virginia, Mr. LLOYD of Missouri, and Mr. GAINES of Tennessee.

Mr. JONES of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, as a further mark of respect, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly, the House (at 12 o'clock and 21 minutes), in accordance with its previous order, adjourned until Thursday, January 3, 1901, at 12 o'clock noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, the following executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Light-House Board submitting an estimate of appropriation for balance due contractors for construction of building at Sturgeon Bay Canal light station, Wisconsin—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Acting Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of examination and survey of St. Clair Flats Canal, Michigan—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting

a copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior submitting an estimate of appropriation for protection of timber in ceded Chippewa Reservation in Minnesota—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Acting Secretary of War, transmitting a letter from the Chief of Engineers, recommending payment of the Illinois Central Railroad for damages to a depot—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Nancy B. Elrod, surviving executrix of James C. Elrod, deceased, against the United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Acting Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of examination and survey of Big Sandy River, Kentucky and West Virginia—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of law and fact in French spoliation case of the schooner *Olive*, George Smith, master, against the United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior submitting an estimate of appropriation for certain deficiencies—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Postmaster-General submitting an estimate of appropriation for deficiencies—to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 2 of Rule XIII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were severally reported from committees, delivered to the Clerk, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House, as follows:

Mr. JETT, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill of the House (H. R. 5931) for the relief of Henry L. McCalla, reported the same with amendment, accompanied by a report (No. 2131); which said bill and report were referred to the Private Calendar.

Mr. ESCH, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill of the House (H. R. 11828) to remove charge of desertion from military record of Charles F. Kramer, reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report (No. 2132); which said bill and report were referred to the Private Calendar.

ADVERSE REPORT.

Under clause 2 of Rule XIII, Mr. CAPRON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill of the House (H. R. 9466) to remove charge of desertion from military record of Joshua C. Mayo, reported the same adversely, accompanied by a report (No. 2133); which said bill and report were ordered to lie on the table.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXII, committees were discharged from the consideration of bills of the following titles; which were thereupon referred as follows:

A bill (H. R. 12911) granting a pension to Minerva McClermand—Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

PUBLIC BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS INTRODUCED.

Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. PEREA: A bill (H. R. 13070) to authorize the sale of a part of the lands donated to the Territory of New Mexico for university purposes—to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. LACEY: A bill (H. R. 13071) to set apart certain lands in the Territory of New Mexico as a public park, to be known as the Cliff Dwellers' National Park, for the purpose of preserving the prehistoric caves and ruins and other works and relics therein—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. SMITH of Iowa: A bill (H. R. 13072) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase additional ground for the accommodation of the court-house, post-office, and other Government offices in Council Bluffs, Iowa—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. ROBERTS: A bill (H. R. 13073) providing for the construction of a steam revenue cutter for service in the harbor of Boston, Mass.—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. HENRY of Connecticut: A bill (H. R. 13074) to appoint a memorial bridge commission for the District of Columbia—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. LEVY: A bill (H. R. 13075) to regulate the size, weight, equipment, and speed of certain street cars within the District of Columbia, and for other purposes—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. CARMACK: A bill (H. R. 13076) granting a pension to John Laffey—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. DE ARMOND: A bill (H. R. 13077) granting an increase of pension to Matthew C. White—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13078) granting an increase of pension to John Shepley—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. GRIFFITH: A bill (H. R. 13079) granting a pension to Elymas F. Wilkins—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LAWRENCE: A bill (H. R. 13080) for the relief of John F. Carbee—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MORGAN: A bill (H. R. 13081) for the relief of John Welty, of Portsmouth, Ohio—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13082) for the relief of Jacob Shela, of Portsmouth, Ohio—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13083) granting a pension to Margaret Lewis—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. McCLEARY: A bill (H. R. 13084) granting an increase of pension to Uriah S. Karmany—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13085) granting an increase of pension to Albert H. Steffenhofer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MINOR: A bill (H. R. 13086) granting an increase of pension to Eunice Henry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13087) granting an increase of pension to Caroline W. Read—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13088) granting an increase of pension to Peter Brunette—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 13089) granting an increase of pension to John G. Hart—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. NAPHEN: A bill (H. R. 13090) to clear record of John H. Thompson—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. O'GRADY: A bill (H. R. 13091) granting a pension to Sarah A. Tubbs—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. PEREA: A bill (H. R. 13092) granting an increase of pension to Berenice K. Luna—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. REEDER: A bill (H. R. 13093) to remove the charge of desertion standing against Harrison Pooler—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. RIXEY: A bill (H. R. 13094) for the relief of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Marshall, Va.—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. ROBERTS: A bill (H. R. 13095) granting a pension to James Frey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SHATTUC: A bill (H. R. 13096) authorizing the granting of an honorable discharge to Eli Norris, Company K, Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. SPERRY: A bill (H. R. 13097) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Chester Davis—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. BURLEIGH: A bill (H. R. 13098) granting an increase of pension to Melvin C. Wadsworth—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, the following petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By Mr. ADAMS: Petition of the National Association of Agricultural Implement and Vehicle Manufacturers, asking for an appropriation for irrigation surveys, reservoir sites, etc.—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. BURKETT: Paper to accompany House bill No. 12858, to correct the military record of Richard P. Gardner—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. CARMACK: Petition of Mrs. Mary F. Morris, of Shelby County, Tenn., for reference of war claim to the Court of Claims—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. DE ARMOND: Papers to accompany House bill granting an increase of pension to Mathew C. White—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. ESCH: Resolutions of the National Association of Agricultural Implement and Vehicle Manufacturers, asking for an annual appropriation for irrigation surveys and maps of irrigable public lands, etc.—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. FITZGERALD of Massachusetts: Resolutions of the National Board of Trade, for such legislation as will strengthen our maritime position—to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

By Mr. GRIFFITH: Petition of 524 citizens of Jennings and Jackson Counties, Ind., to accompany House bill granting a pension to Elymas F. Wilkins—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HULL: Papers to accompany House bill No. 12991, for the relief of Ira Waldo—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany House bill No. 12994, for the relief of William Bagley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LEVY: Petition of property owners and residents along the line of the Metropolitan Street Railroad, protesting against the size of cars used on the line and the high rate of speed of same—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. McRAE: Affidavit of E. C. Young, to accompany House bill No. 12590—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. MORGAN: Papers to accompany House bill No. 9469 amending the military record of Stephen Thompson—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, papers to accompany House bill No. 12894 correcting the military record of S. E. Baird—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. PEREA: Petition of the board of regents of the University of New Mexico for the passage of an act to authorize the sale of a part of the lands donated to the Territory of New Mexico for University purposes—to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. RIXEY: Affidavits in support of bill for the relief of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Marshall, Va.—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana: Petition of A. F. Van Niman, of Kendallville, Ind., for additional compensation to carriers of rural free-delivery mail—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, petition of J. H. Danseur Post, No. 104, Grand Army of the Republic, of La Grange, Ind., for court of pension appeals—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SULZER: Petition of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, for the repeal of certain sections of the internal-revenue laws—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, resolution of the National Association of Agricultural Implement and Vehicle Manufacturers asking for an appropriation for irrigation surveys, reservoir sites, etc.—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. WILSON of Idaho: Petition of the National Association of Agricultural Implement and Vehicle Manufacturers, asking Congress to make appropriation for irrigation surveys, reservoir sites, etc.—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, January 3, 1901.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. W. H. MILBURN, D. D.

HORACE CHILTON, a Senator from the State of Texas, and JOSEPH SIMON, a Senator from the State of Oregon, appeared in their seats to-day.

The Journal of the proceedings of Friday, December 21, 1900, was read and approved.

REPORT OF THE COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair lays before the Senate the annual report of the Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1900. It is provided in the law that it shall be printed, so that no reference is necessary. It will be printed and lie on the table.

UNOCCUPIED PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a statement of the unproductive and unoccupied property leased by the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

MERCANTILE MARINE SUBSIDIES.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Librarian of Congress, transmitting a list of books (with reference to periodicals) on mercantile marine subsidies; which, with the accompanying paper, was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

INTERNATIONAL MARINE CONFERENCE.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a letter from the American delegates to the International Marine Conference, inclosing the draft of a proposed amendment to the acts of Congress establishing international rules for the prevention of collisions at sea; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

FINDINGS OF COURT OF CLAIMS.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting the conclusions of fact and of law filed under the act of January 20, 1885, in the French spoliation claims, relating to the vessel schooner *Olive*, George Smith, master; which, with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the cause of S. S. Louisa Cochran, executrix of William Cochran, deceased, vs. The United States; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

DRY DOCK ON COLUMBIA RIVER.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair lays before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the board of naval officers appointed to determine the desirability of locating and constructing a dry dock on the Columbia River, Oregon.

The Chair calls the attention of the Senator from Maine. The returns contain two printed reports from the Secretary of War and the Engineer Department, which it will probably not be necessary to print, and also a report of the board, which is in type-writing, and which should be printed.

Mr. HALE. Let the report be printed, but let the other papers go to the committee without printing.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. It will be ordered, then, that the report of the board shall be printed and referred and the maps and other papers will be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs without printing.

Mr. HALE. That is right.

ELECTORAL VOTES OF NEW YORK, ETC.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate 11 communications from the Secretary of State, transmitting certified copies of the final ascertainment of the electors for President and Vice-President appointed in the States of New York, Arkansas, Virginia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, South Carolina, California, Florida, West Virginia, Montana, and Idaho; which, with the accompanying papers, were ordered to lie on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. W. J. BROWNING, its Chief Clerk, announced that the House had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 12838) making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House had passed the following bills; in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate:

A bill (H. R. 12904) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, and for other purposes;

A bill (H. R. 12395) to provide for the holding of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the eastern district of Arkansas; and

A bill (H. R. 12846) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902.

The message further communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. RICHARD A. WISE, late a Representative from the State of Virginia, and transmitted resolutions of the House thereon.

The message also announced that the Speaker of the House had appointed as a committee on the part of the House to attend the funeral of the Hon. RICHARD A. WISE, late a Representative from the State of Virginia, Mr. WEEKS of Michigan, Mr. ALDRICH of Alabama, Mr. KAHN of California, Mr. ROBERTS of Massachusetts, Mr. MINOR of Wisconsin, Mr. BRICK of Indiana, Mr. JONES of Virginia, Mr. SWANSON of Virginia, Mr. OTEY of Virginia, Mr. RIXEY of Virginia, Mr. HAY of Virginia, Mr. LAMB of Virginia, Mr. QUARLES of Virginia, Mr. RHEA of Virginia, Mr. LISSITER of Virginia, Mr. LLOYD of Missouri, and Mr. GAINES of Tennessee.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED.

The message further announced that the Speaker of the House had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions; and they were thereupon signed by the President pro tempore:

A bill (S. 92) granting a pension to William M. Terry;